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SUBJ: IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA VISITS TURKEY IN POSITIVE MOOD

1. TURKEY HOPES TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE IBRD THIS CALENDAR YEAR FOR NEW CREDITS TOTALLING ABOUT \$500 MILLION, ACCORDING TO BILSAY KURUC, HEAD OF THE TURKISH STATE PLANNING ORGANIZATION. KURUC EXPECTED THAT PROJECT CREDITS AGREED UPON IN 1978 MIGHT AMOUNT TO \$400 MILLION. HE BELIEVED THAT THE BANK WOULD PROVIDE \$100-150 MILLION IN PROGRAM FINANCING, THE AMOUNT TO BE FIXED AFTER TURKEY PRESENTS ITS SHOPPING LIST FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BANK.

2. KURUC'S OPINION, GIVEN TO EMBOFFS APRIL 12, IS APPARENTLY
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REALISTIC. AFTER FIRST DAY OF MEETINGS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS ON APRIL 10, IBRD REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT MUNIR BENJECK TOLD ECON/COM COUNSELOR THAT PRESIDENT ROBERT MCNAMARA AND VISITING IBRD OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO RESUME NEW LENDING TO TURKEY BEFORE THE END OF THE BANK'S FISCAL YEAR ON JUNE 30. (ALTHOUGH BANK HAS NEVER ANNOUNCED A STOP IN NEW LENDING, IT HAS IN FACT MADE NO

NEW LOANS IN PAST NINE MONTHS IN ANTICIPATION OF A TURKISH ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM, BENJENK COMMENTED CONFIDENTIALLY.) THE GROUP, BENJENK SAID, HAD COME TO TURKEY "TO SEE HOW THEY COULD BE HELPFUL" AND IN WHAT SECTORS. HE COULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE AMOUNT OF NEW LENDING THAT THE IBRD MIGHT BE WILLING TO EXTEND THIS YEAR TO TURKEY, PENDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE PROJECTS. (HE CITED ENERGY AND PORT DEVELOPMENT AS PRIORITY AREAS.) HE SUGGESTED THAT THE AMOUNT WOULD BE MORE THAN THE \$200-250 MILLION THE BANK HAD AVERAGED ANNUALLY TO TURKEY IN THE PAST, PROVIDED BANK OFFICIALS FOUND THAT TURKEY HAD THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY TO MAKE USE OF THE MONEY. BENJENK ADDED THAT THE BANK HAS AGREED TO CONSIDER A PROGRAM LOAN TO TURKEY TO FINANCE INDUSTRIAL IMPORTS. IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SUGGEST HOW MUCH THAT LOAN MIGHT BE.

3. BANK OFFICIALS, MR BENJENK SAID, WERE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT HAD GREATER ABILITY THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS TO OVERCOME ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECTORAL BOTTLENECKS THAT HAVE SLOWED DISBURSEMENT OF LOANS ALREADY AGREED UPON. BANK EXPECTS THAT THERE MAY BE BETTER COORDINATION WITHIN ECEVIT GOVERNMENT THAT THERE WAS UNDER DEMIREL COALITIONS AND THAT MONEY ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE CAN BE USED FASTER.

4. COMMENT. VISIT OF IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, MADE AT INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, PROMISES POSITIVE RESULTS FOR TURKEY. ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT USEFUL WITH PEOPLE AT HOME AND BANKERS ABROAD TO POINT TO WORLD BANK'S
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APPARENT CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO REDUCE ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND TO BANK'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP.
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